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SUBJECT: GOC COMPILATION OF TURKISH AND TURKISH CYPRIOT  
STATEMENTS ON VAROSHA

1. FOLLOWING, GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR BY FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES AT MEETING ON AUG 23, IS VERBATIM GOC COMPILATION OF "STATEMENTS MADE BY TURKISH OFFICIALS AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS TOGETHER WITH EXTRACTS FROM NEWSPAPER REPORTS, ON TURKISH INTENTIONS AND ACTIONS TO COLONIZE FAMAGUSTA (VAROSHA)." PARAGRAPH NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ADDED.

2. "FOLLOWING PREVIOUS AND REPEATED STATEMENTS BY MR. ECEVIT, MR. GUNES, MR. ERBACAN, MR. DENKTASH, MR. DEMIREL AND OTHER TURKISH AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS, TO THE EFFECT THAT 'VAROSHA IS PART OF THE T.F.S.C. AND THAT ITS RETURN TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION BECAUSE IT IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY'. AND THAT 'MEASURES ARE TAKEN FOR THE OPENING OF MARAS (FAMAGUSTA) TO THE PEOPLE', THE SO-CALLED 'PRIME MINISTER OF THE T.F.S.C.' MR. KONUK STATED ON 18.8.77: 'ONLY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND ITS CONSTITUTIONALLY AUTHORIZED ORGANS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO

TAKE A DECISION ON VAROSHA, WHICH IS THE SUBURB OF A T.F.S.C. TOWN'.

3. "AS REPORTED BY BOZKURT IN ITS EDITION OF 17.8.77 MR. DENKTASH ADDRESSING TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN FAMAGUSTA 'EMPHASIZED THE DECISIVENESS PREVAILING IN CONNECTION WITH FAMAGUSTA AND STATED THAT VAROSHA IS OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AS KYRENIA AND NICOSIA AND CONCLUDED BY DECLARING THAT NOT EVEN AN INCH OF THEIR TERRITORY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE'.

4. "ACCORDING TO ISTANBUL DAILY GUNAYDIN (13.8.77) 'THE NEW TOWN OF VAROSHA WILL BE OPENED TO TOURISM AND COLONIZATION IN THE FORTHCOMING DAYS. IN THIS CONNECTION A LIBERATION BALL TO MARK THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS WAS ORGANIZED IN CONSTANTIA HOTEL' WHICH IS SITUATED IN VAROSHA AND IS ALREADY OPERATING AS A CATERING INSTITUTE.

5. "THE 'OFFICIAL' 'TURKISH NEWS BULLETIN' PUBLISHED ON 3.8.77 A STATEMENT BY MR. BORA ATUN, THE TURKISH MAYOR OF FAMAGUSTA' THAT 'HE WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE AUTHORITIES IN REHABILITATING DISPLACED TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN VAROSHA'.

6. "AGAIN ON 17.8.77, THE ISTANBUL DAILY GUNAYDIN  
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REPORTED THAT 'THE FIRST OUT OF EIGHT SECTORS INTO WHICH THE NEW TOWN OF FAMAGUSTA HAD BEEN DIVIDED BY THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES, NAMELY THE ONE AROUND CONSTANTIA HOTEL, WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC'. THE SAME PAPER ADDED THAT 'THE APARTMENT HOUSES AROUND CONSTANTIA HAVE BEEN OPENED TO RESETTLEMENT. REPAIR OPERATIONS ARE SPEEDILY GOING ON IN THE OTHER SECTORS OF THE TOWN'.

7. "THE SO-CALLED 'MINISTER OF HOUSING AND REHABILITATION OF THE T.F.S.C.' MR. HAKI ATUN, CONFIRMED ON 18.8.77 THAT VAROSHA WAS DIVIDED IN EIGHT SECTORS AND ANNOUNCED THAT 'THE TOWN SECTOR AROUND CONSTANTIA HOTEL, INCLUDING A 100-FLAT-APARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1977'.

8. "THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ALSO CONFIRMED FROM OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WHO WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT VAROSHA. WE QUOTE FROM THE 14.8.77 EDITION OF THE SUNDAY TIMES: -

9. "THE GREEK-OWNED CONSTANTIA HOTEL, JUST SOUTH OF THE OLD WALLED CITY OF FAMAGUSTA, WAS OPENED AS A CATERING INSTITUTE AND PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED TO POPULATE A FEW LARGE

APARTMENT BLOCKS. IN FACT, THE DENKTASH ADMINISTRATION

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STARTED POPULATING VAROSHA A LONG TIME AGO. BEFORE THE  
CONFLICT, ABOUT 5,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS USED TO LIVE IN  
THE OLD PART OF THE CITY.....BORA ATUN, THE CITY'S  
MAYOR, SAID FAMAGUSTA'S TURKISH CYPRIOT POPULATION IS  
NOW AROUND 25,000. HE SAID THE MAJORITY LIVED IN THE  
OUTSKIRTS OF VAROSHA IN FORMERLY GREEK HOUSES. ABOUT  
TWO-FIFTHS OF THE TOWN HAVE THUS BEEN POPULATED. THE  
REMAINDER, HE SAID, WAS THE ROW HOF HOTELS ALONG THE BEACH  
AND THE SHOPPING AND RESIDENTIAL AREA BEHIND IT. ONE OF  
THESE HOTELS HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN OFFICERS' CLUB,  
CATERING MAINLY FOR THE WIVES OF OFFICERS WHO COME TO  
CYPRUS TO VISIT THEIR HUSBANDS...THE ADMINISTRATION HAS  
DIVIDED VAROSHA INTO EIGHT DISTRICTS WHICH, OFFICIALS  
SAY WILL BE OPENED STEP BY STEP, AS REPAIRS PROGRESS.  
THE CONSTANTIA HOTEL-CUM-CATERING INSTITUTE AND ITS  
SURROUNDINGS ARE THE FIRST STEP, THEY SAY."

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